(ख) हरिद्वार जिलान्तर्गत वितरकों को एल पी जी आपूर्ति एक सुपुर्दगीकृत आपूर्ति के रूप में बहदराबाद (हरिद्वार) में स्थित भरण संयंत्र से की जाती है। इससे संबंधित परिवहन कार्य का प्रबंधन तेल कम्पनियों द्वारा उनके परिवहनकर्ताओं के माध्यम से किया जाता है जिन्हें केवल सार्वजनिक निविदा के माध्यम से परिवहन संविदायें दी जाती हैं। यह प्रणाली पारदर्शी है क्योंकि इसमें भरण संयंत्र से वितरक के गोदाम तक के लिए किया जाने वाला परिवहन सार्वजनिक निविदायें आमंत्रित करके किया जाता है।

(ग) गढ़वाल मंडल विकास निगम के अतिरिक्त, आर्थिक रूप से व्यवहार्य स्थानों के लिए कुछ एक एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें लोगों को डिलर चयन बोर्ड के माध्यम से सामान्य चयन प्रक्रिया के जरिए आबंटन के लिए एल पी जी विपणन योजना 1996-98 में सम्मिलित है।

गैर-सरकारी पेट्रोलियम परियोजनाओं की स्थिति

1773. **श्री चीमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ला:** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि निजी क्षेत्र की अनेक पेट्रोलियम परियोजनाएं विभिन्न कारणों से लगभग मृतप्राय स्थिति में हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है तथा उन परियोजनाओं के ऐसी अवस्था में होने के परियोजना-वार कारण क्या-क्या है;

(ग) चालू वर्ष के दौरान मंजूर की गई परियोजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है तथा वास्तविक कार्य आरम्भ होने की तिथि और पूंजी निवेश के प्रवाह के संबंध में परियोजना-वार वर्तमान वास्तविक स्थिति क्या है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार ने उक्त परियोजनाओं की लागत में संभावित वृद्धि से उत्पन्न होने वाली स्थिति का कोई मूल्यांकन किया है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष कुमार गंगवार): (क) से (घ) निजी क्षेत्र की परियोजनाओं की कार्यविधि और प्रशासनिक संरचना पर संबंधित निजी कंपनियों का संपूर्ण आधिपत्य है, और सरकार द्वारा उनकी समीक्षा सांविधिक अपेक्षाओं के मामले के अतिरिक्त नहीं की जाती। सरकार उनकी परियोजनाओं के प्रचालन /क्रियान्वयन के तौर पर कोई वित्तीय भार भी वहन नहीं करती।

Gas Field at Kaikaluru

1774. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has found gas fields in Kaikaluru area of Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the extent thereof and estimate of gas found in Kaikaluru gas fields;

(c) whether this gas has been offered to the private sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes Sir. Two small oil and gas fields viz. Kaikalur-Vadali and Lingala have been discovered in the Kaikalur area.

(b) Volume of free gas for the above fields as on 1.4.97 are:—

Inplace reserve : 3065 Million cubic meters

Recoverable : 547 Million cubic meters

(c) and (d) Allocation of gas is made on the recommendations of Gas Linkage Committee (GLC)—an Inter-Ministerial Committee, as per availability of gas. Applications received for allocation of gas from the Lingala-Kaikalur fields have been referred to the Andhra Pradesh State Government for assessment of the viability of applicants and recommendations before these are considered by the GLC.

Supply of Gas to small power projects

1775. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are not encouraging small entrepreneurs who require gas for 5 MW power stations in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for giving unfair treatment to such applicants in the State;

(c) the details of the applications made to Government in 1997-98 for allotment of gas for power generation in East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna districts of the State; and

(d) the steps proposed to expeditiously clear such applications for small quantities of gas for power plants of less than 10 MW capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No. of applications received during 1997-98 by GAIL/ONGC are as under:—

Name of Distt.	Name of Company	
	GAIL	ONGC
East Godawari	07	08
West Godawari	02	01
Krishna	03	08
TOTAL	12	17

(d) Allocation of Natural Gas to various applicants requiring gas for various purposes is finalised by the Gas Linkage Committee keeping in view the overall availability. Exploration efforts are continuously made with the objective of increasing the production and availability.

Recruitment in ONGC

1776. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, Eastern Region, has not opened new recruitment for the last several years, whereas, in the meantime many vacancies occurred due to retirements etc.; and

(b) what are the reasons of closing such recruitment and by when these vacancies will be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) ONGC Ltd. has been making recruitment in ERBC. During the last five years, it has recruited 188 executives and 404 non-executives. The creation and filling up of posts is a continuous process and the same is done keeping in view the requirement from time to time.

Introduction of Autogas as a green fuel

1777. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made for determining the feasibility of introducing autogas as a green fuel alternative to petrol and diesel in the capital; if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(b) whether the study has been conducted by a foreign agency, a consortium of Dutch companies; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what follow-up action is proposed to be taken to promote the green fuel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) A Pilot on the use of Propane in 3-wheelers with 2-stroke engine as alternate fuel to petrol has been undertaken by a private party as per the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court. Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has supplied propane to the private party for undertaking the pilot project. The Indian Institute of Petroleum (IIP), Dehradun has been engaged for type approval of the conversion kit for use of propane in 3 wheeler with 2-stroke engines.